The resubmitted manuscript has significantly improved and most comments are integrated in the manuscript.

**Major Revisions:**

I have still the problem as clinician, why the results of the combined PET/CT are far worse than those of the contrast CT. The explanation of the authors do not clarify this problem. If a diagnostic CT in combination with a FDG-PET is performed at least the information of a contract CT should be reached. Otherwise there must be a methodological problem or a quality problem of the CT scans used in combination with the PET. Please clarify and explain this in the paper before publication.

The other point is the definition of recurrences. Local recurrences include: 1. endoluminal local recurrence 2. extraluminal local recurrence and 3. locoregional lymph node metastases 2. Distant metastases and most others feel that PC should be analyses separately in gastric cancer. Especially in the postoperative follow up the PC remains a diagnostic challenge and can be diagnosed rather late. Please clarify in the manuscript.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.